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No love for JIMBO Some say graffiti is art, just not this tagger's

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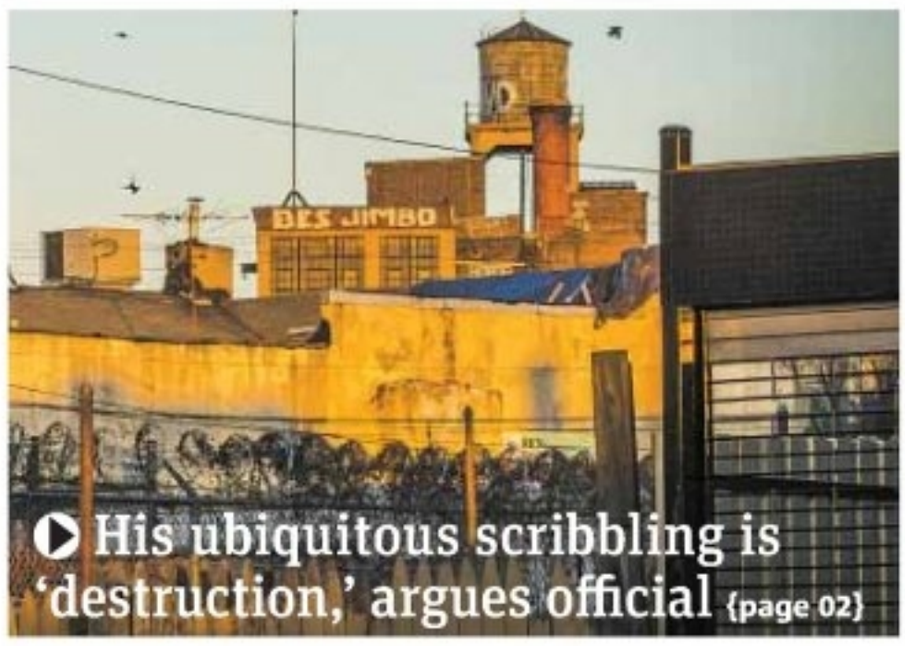

His ubiquitous scribbling is 'destruction,' argues official {page 02}

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In the news

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Odds — in quintillions — that one of the 100 million people worldwide expected to bet a total of $12 billion on the NCAA college basket-ball tournament will have a perfect bracket by the final buzzer, according to RJ Bell of Pregame.com.

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"This month Philadelphia Magazine has sunk to a new low even for a publication that has long pretended that its suburban readers were the only citizens civically engaged and socially active in the Philadelphia area."

MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER FIRED BACK AT PHILLY MAG FOR A PIECE TITLED "BEING WHITE IN PHILLY" IN A LETTER TO THE CITY'S COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS.

In the news

Father and son arrested in underage drinking party

A father and son were arrested Saturday for hosting an underage drinking party for 19 juveniles, one of whom was found unconscious and covered in vomit, at their Chester County home, police said.

Raymond Bonnet, 46, and his 18-year-old son Elliot allegedly threw the party at their home on Bow Tree Drive in East Goshen Township.

Police found young people outside the house holding beer bottles around 11 p.m. and more young people drinking what appeared to be alcoholic beverages inside.

Nineteen teens were found inside the home, including the one found unconscious, and all had consumed some alcohol, police said. Seventeen were under the age of 18. The youngest was 14.

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Kermit Gosnell trial begins

PHILADELPHIA. Opening arguments began yesterday in the death penalty trial of Kermit Gosnell, 72, who allegedly provided substandard, often harmful abortions to low-income women and teens at a clinic in West Philadelphia. Gosnell is charged with killing seven babies born alive, along with 41-year-old Bhutan refugee Karnamaya Mongar.

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JIMBO WAS HERE

Notorious tagger has managed to elude police ◗ Graffiti can be artistic, but not this kind, some say ◗ Neighbors are calling for an end

REKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ JIMBO makes an appearance on East Girard Avenue in Fishtown.

Meet "JIMBO."

His name is crookedly splattered on everything from mailboxes to metal grates mostly in the Port Richmond/Fishtown/Kensington areas.

And the locals want his spray can.

"It's annoying," said Chris Lyons, 27, who tweets from the name @PortRichmondPHL.

Lyons moved to Port Richmond two years ago, and he wants to help revive his neighborhood. And people like JIMBO are standing in the way.

"These neighborhoods, Fishtown especially and Port Richmond hopefully, are getting some good things going on and making some changes for the better," Lyons said. "And it's a shame to see somebody continuously bringing everything down."

Lyons tries to use Twitter as an advocacy tool, posting pictures of fresh graffiti in an effort to raise awareness and curb unnecessary destruction.

"It's not just JIMBO," he said. "It's upsetting. It's disrespectful of other people's property and other people's time and money."

No one has caught JIMBO in the act, but locals call for an end. Not just for his handiwork along the river wards, but because of what he represents: unsightly stains tarnishing a vibrant area.

In sociology, the broken-windows theory holds that if a neighborhood or city does not fix its broken windows and graffiti, the environment will continue to descend into crime, chaos and violence.

"You solve some of the smaller problems," said Tom Conway, city deputy managing director. "Then we solve some of the bigger ones."

Conway is also head of the Anti-Graffiti Network. There is "always going be a problem with graffiti in the city, and the best we can do is maintain it," he said. "Our biggest deterrent is the quickest removal of the graffiti vandalism."

▶ The mural behind Ryan went unscathed for more than 10 years. This wasn't JIMBO's work, however.

Graffiti admirer

Michael Ryan, a graffiti admirer, has heard interviews where taggers say they won't touch schools, residences or buses.

Others will only touch abandoned lots and buildings in decay.

He said there is a blurry line between art and destruction.

"Sometimes I think that it's a different, emerging form of art," he said, "Other times you can see it hitting closer to home."

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"Sometimes I think that it's a different, emerging form of art. Other times, you can see it hitting closer to home."

RYAN

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The number of properties from which the city removed graffiti last year

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Graffiti vs. art

Tom Conway said graffiti is a big problem in the river wards, but he doesn't think many are offended.

"The hipsters are there," he said. "I think a lot of times people are more tolerant of graffiti vandalism if they are more artistic."

Different neighborhoods stomach different expressions. In certain areas, what Conway calls "pieces" are considered artistic.

"When you look at that, they do have some kind of artistic talent," he said.

But don't confuse those with JIMBO's kind.

"Now, tagging, on the other hand, that's just plain destruction," Conway said. "There's not artistic talent whatsoever with a tagger. He's just being destructive ... and that's where we focus a lot of our attention on."

COURTESY OF MICHAEL RYAN

▶ 5th Street in Ludlow

To catch a tagger

To catch a destructive spray-painter, the city isolates one tagger at a time, officials said. Their work is documented as crews remove them, and police follow the trail.

- Once caught, the city estimates the cost to clean the graffiti and hands the tagger a bill.
- One tagger recently caught was handed a hefty bill.
- "We're talking about tens of thousands of dollars in destruction," Conway said.

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In the news

VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police bust 'family business'

NEW JERSEY. Police in Vineland, N.J., arrested an entire family on Friday in a drug bust that netted more than a quarter pound of pot and an ounce of crack cocaine, according to investigators.

Police found $2,000 worth of marijuana, crack and pills, along with $1,800 in cash and drug paraphernalia.

Police arrested Luis Figueroa Jr., 23, his brother Anthony Figueroa, 22, their father Luis Figueroa Sr., 52, and his wife Eva Figueroa, 44. METRO

Pa. ranks fourth in the nation in railroad trespasser deaths

Pennsylvania ranks fourth in the nation when it comes to the number of railroad trespasser fatalities and third in terms of trespasser injuries, according to a report released yesterday by rail safety nonprofit Operation Lifesaver of Pennsylvania.

"We're number four — that's a sad commentary," director Don Lubinsky said yesterday.

"We just have a lot of people who don't understand it takes quite a long time for a train to stop. You have 10,000 tons going 50 miles per hour — it takes over a mile and a half to stop."

The number of injuries sustained by trespassers on Pennsylvania railroad tracks and properties rose a staggering 23.5 percent last year, while deaths rose 21.7 percent during the same time. In contrast, collisions at highway-grade rail crossings fell.

"Part of the reason pedestrian trespass casualties are on the increase is people have been moving into areas that are adjacent to railroad tracks and they were never adjacent to railroad tracks before," Lubinsky said.

SEPTA director of system safety and risk management Scott Sauer said he's noticed a similar trend in Philadelphia.

"In recent years, we have seen trespass incidents going up on our side as well, with people being struck by on-track equipment — pedestrians, more or less, walking on the railroad," Sauer said.

He said he doesn't know what to blame, but did note that about 50 percent of SEPTA trespasser deaths are suicides. "All in all, walking on railroad property and the romance of railroads has been around as long as we've had railroads," he said.

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RIKARD LARMA/METRO

"It's not as if a train jumps out of the bushes and gets you — it's big, it's bad, it makes lots of noise — and you just have to be aware if you're on a track when a train is coming, you're going to get hit."
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Trespassing by the numbers

- **28** Railroad trespassers were killed in Pennsylvania last year
- **21** Railroad trespassers were injured in the state last year
- **4.8%** Collisions at highway-grade crossings fell 4.8 percent in the state, reaching 60 during 2012.
- **4** People were killed last year at highway-grade rail crossings

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Police probe thefts of tools

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PHILADELPHIA. Police in Philadelphia and Bensalem are investigating a theft ring involving Ford Econoline and Chevrolet Express contractor vans.

Investigators said someone is stealing the vans to obtain contents inside, which include hand and power tools, ladders and other construction equipment. In some cases, the tools were simply taken from the vans.

The majority of vehicles have been stolen in Philadelphia, emptied and recovered in the same confined residential area in the Croydon section of Bristol Township.

In a majority of the thefts, the suspect punched the vans' door locks and cracked their ignitions. In some of the cases, high security "hockey puck" padlocks were also bypassed and stereos were ripped from vehicles' dashboards.

Wednesday through Friday, investigators will display tools recovered in the thefts that have not yet been claimed. METRO

Make a claim

Anyone wishing to view or claim tools can visit the police Major Crimes Auto Squad between noon and 8 p.m. with identification and a copy of the theft report.

In. Bloom

▶ No, it's not asparagus. It's a daffodil that hasn't yet bloomed.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER/METRO

Give daffodils, give hope to cancer patients

Stacks of daffodils are ready to be repackaged at the FedEx facility in South Philadelphia as part of the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days campaign. This year's event in Philadelphia has raised nearly $73,000. That's more than $8,000 over the goal set. METRO

News in brief

Liquor plan moves forward

HARRISBURG. A state House committee yesterday gave preliminary approval to a bill that would privatize the state liquor system.

"For the first time since the repeal of Prohibition, we have achieved a positive vote in the General Assembly for ending the state's role as the sole wholesaler and retailer of wine and spirits," Gov. Tom Corbett said in a statement. "This is clearly a reflection of popular support this issue has." METRO

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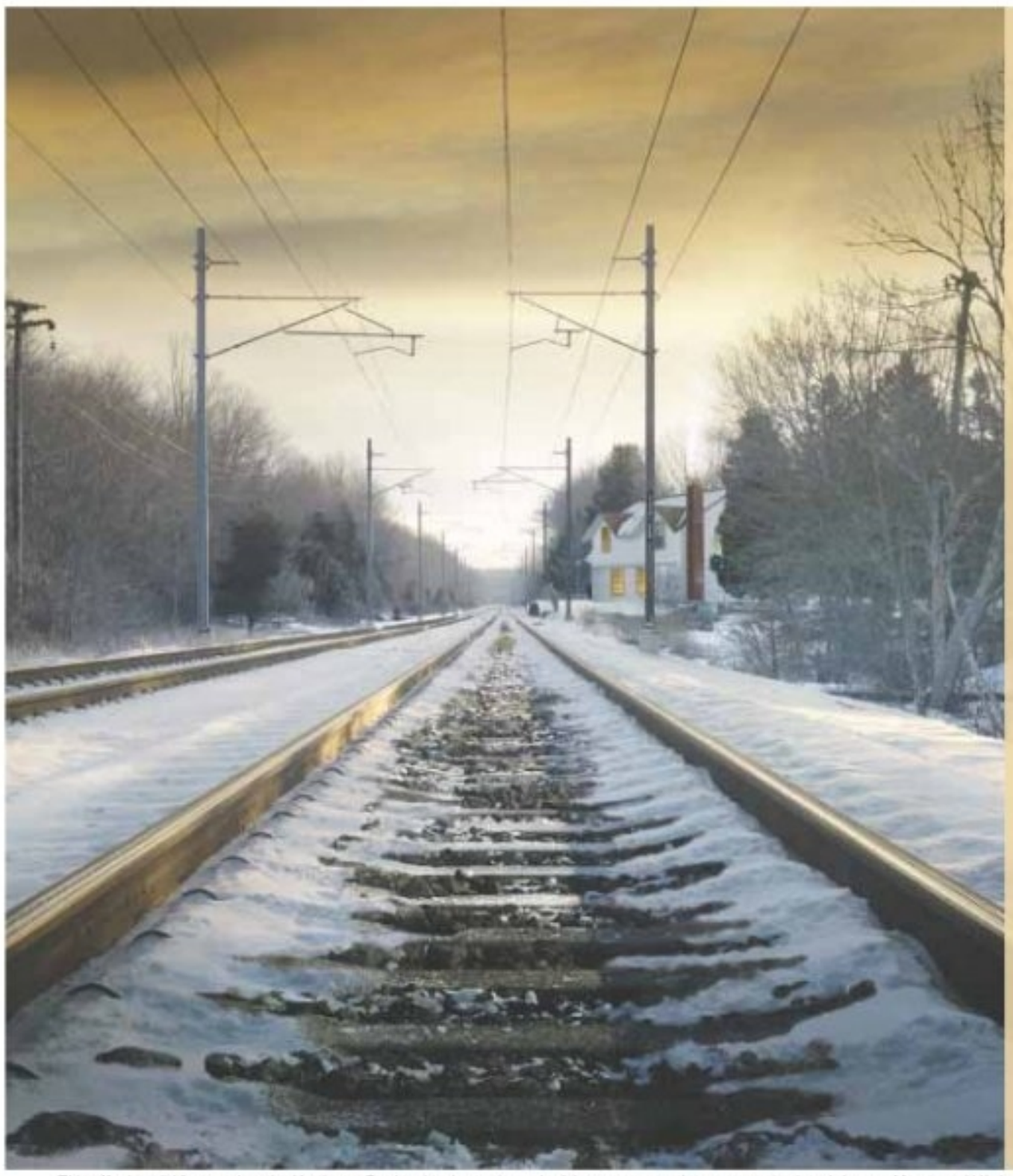
The plan calls for auctioning retail and wholesale liquor licenses and using the $1 billion in revenue from the sale to fund education.



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In the news

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▶ Clinton

Hillary Clinton backs same-sex marriage

WASHINGTON. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, said yesterday that she backs marriage rights for gay Americans.

In a video for the gay rights advocacy group Human Rights Campaign, Clinton said she supports gay marriage "personally and as a matter of policy and law."

"[Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender] Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends, our loved ones, and they are full and equal citizens and deserve the rights of citizenship. That includes marriage," Clinton said. **REUTERS**

GOP aims to rebrand party, attract voters

WASHINGTON. After months of infighting over what went wrong for them in the 2012 elections, Republicans yesterday outlined a broad plan to attract racial minorities, women and young voters — and shed their image as a "narrow-minded, out-of-touch" party of "stuffy old men." Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus used those words, and more, in an unusually frank assessment of the party's failings in November, and what it must change before the 2014 elections.

Priebus said GOP policies were sound, but he portrayed a party that had been outmaneuvered strategically and that had sometimes appeared intolerant of women, minorities and others. **REUTERS**

Bombs found after apparent suicide at UCF main campus

The University of Central Florida closed its main campus in Orlando yesterday morning while police investigated an apparent suicide and a number of bombs found in a residence hall, the school said.

Campus police received a fire alarm and then a 911 emergency call "regarding a man with a gun" early yesterday morning, according to the university, which is one of the largest in the United States.

When police officers arrived, they found the body of a male student with an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound and closed the seven-story residence hall. Police found a handgun, an assault weapon and a bag containing explosives in the student's room, said university spokesman Grant Heston.

Classes were canceled yesterday morning but resumed at noon, university officials said. Yesterday was the first scheduled day of class after spring break, students said.

The Orange County Sheriff's bomb squad was on campus, and the FBI was assisting the university's police department.

Heston said the dead student lived in a suite with three roommates and that it was unclear what he planned to do with the weapons.

Residents, some wrapped in blankets or in sleepwear, were sent to another building on campus for food and counseling. Other dormitories were not evacuated.

Kathryn Wood, a 21-year-old junior from West Palm Beach, said she heard the fire alarm shortly after midnight, grabbed some money and went next door to a pizza restaurant to eat and wait the situation out.

A police officer with the biggest gun she had ever seen dashed into the restaurant and ordered everyone to leave immediately, Wood said. "It scared us all."

Students were first sent a block away across the main campus loop road, then told to move back farther, to the student center, Wood said. **REUTERS**

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▶ The University of Central Florida is one of the largest colleges in the United States.

500
Students live in the Tower 1 dormitory

Text alerts

2:09 a.m.: Police sent students a text-message alert that the residential Tower 1 dormitory, home to about 500 students, would be evacuated due to a "suspicious death."

2:46 a.m.: Police reassured residents that there was no threat.

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In the news

Pell Grants and the future of college

The House Budget Committee is debating freezing the maximum Pell Grant award — now set at $5,645 — for years, with the possibility of future cuts. F. King Alexander is the president of California State University, Long Beach, and he believes that the government-funded Pell Grants are vital to an economically diverse student body.

Are you concerned about the status of Pell Grants for future students?
Yes. We lost a significant battle two years ago when Congress cut Pells for summer school. Summer classes are very important to working students and poor students. So, we've already had a cut in Pell. We can't afford that when tuition is rising because of state reductions.

What kinds of students get Pell Grants?
The beauty of Pell is that it's weighted on income, not price. State student-aid programs tend to be price-sensitive, which gives advantages to institutions that raise their prices. On my campus, we have 13,000 Pell students. If you give one student four times the Pell of another, you'll deny three students access to college.

METRO/BW

The Pell Grant

A Pell Grant is money provided to low-income students by the U.S. government to help pay for tuition at an undergraduate college or university. Since 1972, it has been the largest federal grant program for college students.

Power plays in the classroom

Stephen Brookfield's latest book takes an honest look at power in academic settings ◗ Honesty about power builds trust

University of St. Thomas professor Stephen D. Brookfield is perhaps the most prolific writer on adult higher education in the U.S. His books use personal experience to flesh out his teaching philosophy. Brookfied's latest, "Powerful Techniques for Teaching Adults," takes a look at power dynamics.

"Power is everywhere in the classroom. You can't avoid it," he says, from his office in Saint Paul, Minn. "So I thought, instead of writing a book that's full of these approaches — which is probably what people are expecting — let's examine how these power dynamics skew the way teaching techniques are experienced by students."

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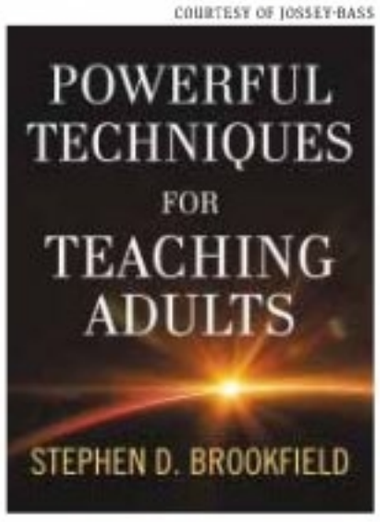

Though Brookfield is still a believer in student-controlled, self-directed learning, he now introduces the concept with more than a touch of caution.

"If I'm asking people to make decisions about the curriculum, or I'm involving them in setting up the grading system, one of the responses I often get is: 'You're playing a game with us and we don't know what your agenda is," he explains. "So now I begin by saying, 'Here are the non-negotiable things about the class; here are the things I want you to decide; and here are places where we can negotiate.' By being less naive about us all having the same power, I'm able to gain a student's trust and build something from there."

"Powerful Techniques"

The book touches on a number of concepts Brookfield has written about before: developing critical thinking, facilitating discussion, utilizing the creative arts. But this time the author emphasizes the adjustments he has made to his teaching style due to notions of power and trust.

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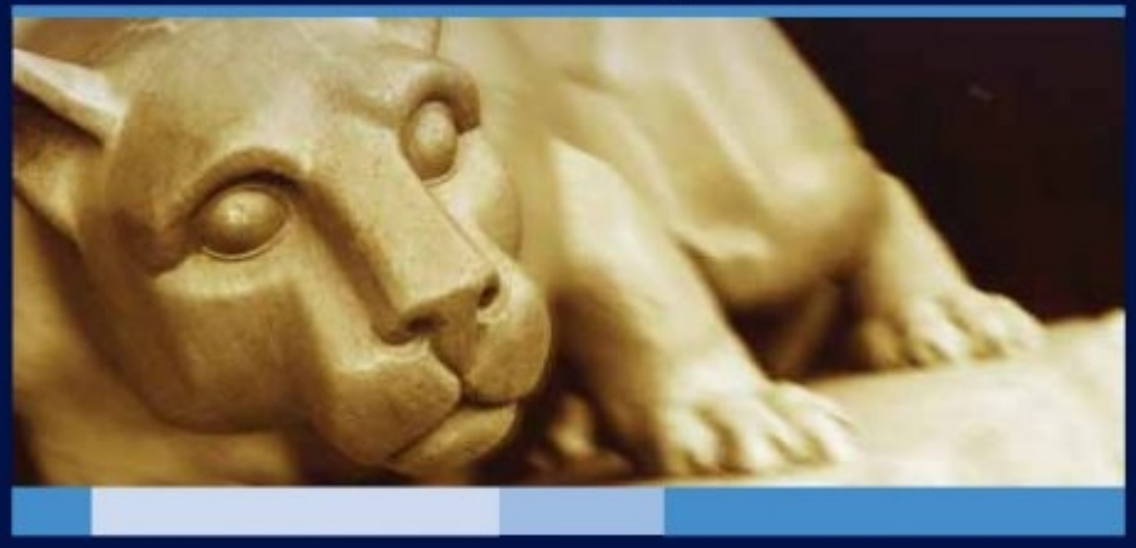

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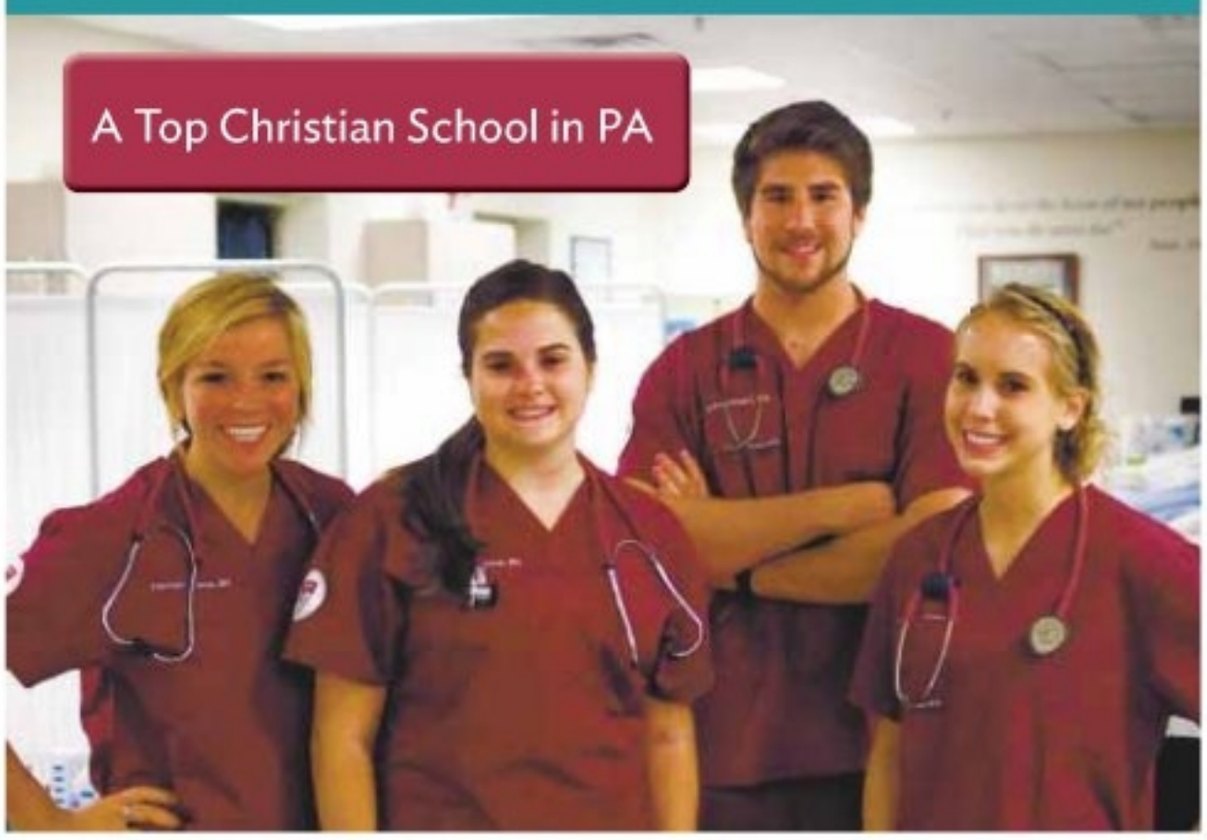

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Under the gun: Spending cuts hurt military education

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▶ Budget pressure hits hard for aspiring students in the military.

For Airman First Class Stephen Sinatra, the budget cuts prompted by deadlock in Washington have turned his plans upside down. Sinatra, who is in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Washington, D.C., is taking online college classes thanks to a tuition assistance program for members of the military that has been halted as a money-saving move.

"I don't make much money," Sinatra says. "To be able to utilize this money to go to school and better myself, it helps a lot. That's almost what keeps me to be motivated to keep going in the military."

Comments left on military message boards and Facebook show widespread disappointment with the sudden termination of the tuition assistance program. It is not a part of the military contract, like the G.I. Bill for veterans benefits, but tuition assistance is considered an incentive to enlist.

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The program, which provides up to $4,500 per year per student, is one victim of sequestration cuts.

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The $85 billion in cuts began on March 1 after Congress was unable to resolve fiscal fights.

"I have seen a lot of people who have lost their motivation to be in the military when they take away the one perk that people seem to enjoy," Sinatra says.

Several colleges have moved to defer tuition charges for the coming term to help military members who are already enrolled. Two senators — one Democrat, one Republican — have introduced legislation to bring back the tuition assistance.

Students who have already enrolled in classes using the tuition assistance program will be allowed to complete them, according to a memo from the Army announcing the program's cancelation.

"This suspension is necessary given the significant budget execution challenges caused by the combined effects of a possible yearlong continuing resolution and sequestration," the Army memo says. "The Army understands the impacts of this action and will reevaluate should the budgetary situation improve." The Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard have also suspended their tuition assistance programs. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"One of the biggest incentives to join the military is the 100 percent tuition guarantee. We don't make much money, so tuition assistance is a big benefit recruiters use to get people to join the military. A lot of people in the military serve their country and protect it, but it backfires when the country tries to take away from us what they promised."

AIRMAN MICHAEL BUENO, WHO WORKS THE OVERNIGHT SHIFT AT DYESS AIR FORCE BASE IN ABILENE, TEXAS, SO THAT HE CAN ATTEND COLLEGE DURING THE DAY

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THE WORD

Meredith Engel's take on the world of gossip @meredithatmetro meredith.engel@metro.us

– Dorothy Robinson will return on March 20.

Lohan. In court

▶ Lindsay Lohan arrived at Airport Branch Courthouse of Los Angeles Superior Court yesterday. She's on trial for allegedly lying to police after a car crash, reckless driving and violating her probation for a 2011 jewelry theft conviction — but really, who's keeping track?

VALERIE MACON/GETTY IMAGES

LiLo has her (umpteenth) day in court

Lindsay Lohan was, naturally, late to her latest court appearance yesterday in L.A. She was apparently scared to fly alone. Thankfully, an energy drink company by the name of Mr. Pink hooked her up on the company's private jet, The Atlantic Wire reported. Upon her arrival at the courthouse, someone threw glitter on the star, kind of like how people throw rice on brides as they exit the church — but we have a feeling this wasn't as celebratory an occasion.

Attention: Please give these stars privacy

Usually, when two celebs get together, they want to keep things on the down-low. Who needs the blinding flash of a camera in the midst of courtship, amiright? Well, not new couple **Lindsey Vonn** and **Tiger Woods**. They're so happy you're curious about their relationship that they just released a statement acknowledging it and posed for a portrait session, like all couples do. Oh, you didn't release a statement and photos when you started dating your beau? Huh.

"I guess it wasn't a well-kept secret but yes, I am dating Tiger Woods," Vonn, a pro skier, wrote on Facebook Monday. "I don't plan on addressing this further as I would like to keep that part of my life between us, my family and close friends."

Woods also took to his website on Monday to address the breaking news: "Something nice that's happened off the course was meeting Lindsey Vonn. Lindsey and I have been friends for some time, but over the last few months we have become very close and are now dating. We thank you for your support and for respecting our privacy. We want to continue our relationship, privately, as an ordinary couple."

So you announce to the world that you're dating, and then follow it up with a request for privacy: This sounds like a page out of the **Gosselins'** Handbook for Media-Whoring. And if this is an attempt to get us to look past Woods' cheating scandal, I don't buy it. Tiger, be warned: If you screw up this time, your new blonde can come after you with a ski pole.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Hurley is tired of the racket, Dana Delaney is feeling clean enough and Pamela Anderson has had quite the travel schedule.

@ElizabethHurley
My parrot Ping Pong is barking loudly, while throwing in the odd 'Be Quiet'....

@DanaDelaney
I have washed my face at least 41,610 times in my life. Might skip a day.

@PamelaDAnderson
Bye Bye London-Dubai- Luxumbourg-Dusseldorf-Geneva-Basel-London- Missing home-my boys, dogs and the beach

Pamela Anderson

Talking points

What breakup?

George Clooney and **Stacy Keibler** stepped out hand-in-hand for dinner in Berlin this weekend amid rumors that the couple's relationship is in trouble, according to E! News. Clooney and Keibler were dressed casually and were joined by **Matt Damon** after dinner at the Soho House.

STEVE GRANITZ/WIREIMAGE

▶ George Clooney and Stacy Keibler

Paltrow talks miscarriage

Gwyneth Paltrow has considered having a third child, but a traumatic experience from the last time she and husband **Chris Martin** tried (which resulted in a miscarriage) is giving her pause. "My children ask me to have a baby all the time. And you never know, I could squeeze one more in. I am missing my third. I'm thinking about it," Paltrow tells the Mail in Sunday's You magazine. "But I had a really bad experience when I was pregnant with my third. ... So I am like, 'Are we good here or should we go back and try again?'"

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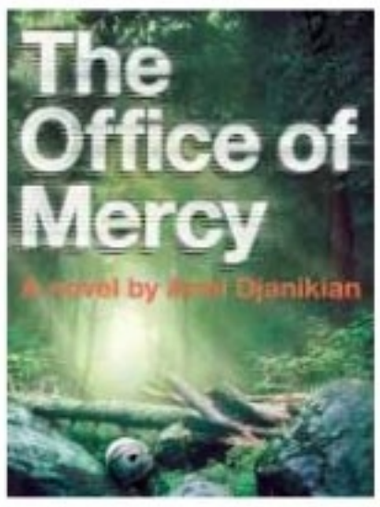
The price of paradise

In Ariel Djanikian's postapocalyptic debut novel, America has burrowed underground after a devastating storm 'I think there's a desire to see where we'll land,' she says

J. CHRISTINA DECAMP

Author Ariel Djanikian will read from her novel at the Kelly Writers House on Wednesday, April 10.

There's no hunger in America-5. No unemployment, no struggling schools, no divisive elections. There's no income inequality because there's no longer a need for money, an unnecessary distraction when there are no wants. Established as an underground safe haven after a disastrous storm, America-5 is, on its surface, quite different from its predecessor. And yet there's something eerily familiar about the setting of Ariel Djanikian's debut



novel, "The Office of Mercy."

"I think there's something traditionally, deeply American about the post-apocalyptic book — we're a forward-looking people in general," says Djanikian, a Philadelphia native and 2004 University of Pennsylvania graduate who now calls North Carolina home. "Things change fast now, and I think there's a desire to see where we'll land. There's a lot of historical fiction that's popular right now that seems like the reverse, but it's probably symptomatic of the same desire to find universal themes — either in a past or a future. Putting a story in a different time kind of quiets the noise and lets you look at people and emotions."

Like most utopias, America-5 is not quite the all-inclusive resort it appears to be. As an employee of the Office of Mercy, 24-year-old Natasha is tasked with euthanizing the unfortunate nomads who roam outside the community's walls — which seems compassionate enough until she's sent on a mission above ground by bosses who are clearly not familiar with Young Adult novels and their feisty heroines.

"I think it's more the job of a novel to say how things could be rather than how things should be," Djanikian says. "It's up to readers what they want to be horrified by and what they don't want to accept."

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Embracing the genre

Though Djanikian didn't write her novel for a specific audience, she's happy to be included in the Young Adult genre. "So many of them have such a compelling story," she says of YA books. "There's been a lot of books recently with strong female leads, people we can get behind."

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▶ Tina Fey graces the "Inside the Actors Studio" stage tonight.

iHeart Radio Album Release Party with Justin Timberlake

SPECIAL. The "Suit & Tie" heartthrob performs and discusses tracks from his new album "The 20/20 Experience." You don't have to twist our arms to watch this, but a "Dick in a Box" sketch wouldn't hurt. **8 p.m., The CW**

'Splash'

REALITY. It's official: We've seen it all. Join out-of-work celebrities like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Drake Bell and Keshia Knight Pulliam for this diving competition in which underpaid stars appear on TV to get wet and then be forgotten once more. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., ABC**

'Urban Tarzan'

REALITY. It's like animal control for the wild: A specialist and his assistant stop a gun-carrying chimp, a 300-pound alligator and a terrorizing bull from unleashing their terror in the opener of what sounds like a gripping series. And, believe it or not, we aren't even being ironic here. **Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., SpikeTV**

'Inside the Actors Studio'

TALK SHOW. You had us at Tina Fey. The "30 Rock" creator and "Bossypants" author stops by to chat with James Lipton before her new movie "Admission" hits the big screen. How many Taylor Swift questions can Lipton slip in before it becomes overkill? **8 p.m., Bravo** ● MATTHEW JACOBS

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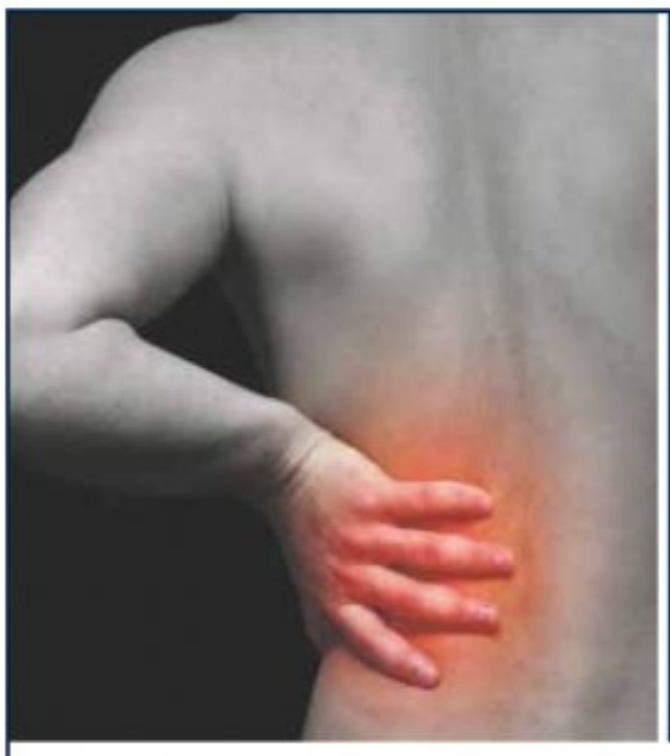

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REGIS HERTRICH

Singer is inspired by revolution and has little sympathy for men

Sascha K., Andy Selway, Steve White, Jules Hodgson and Lucia Cifarelli makes up KMFDM.

'Art is a choice'

"Kunst" in its simplest translation is German for art. "Art is a melting pot of all kinds of things that either happens in a person or doesn't," says Sascha K. "My daughter is five years old and does large canvas paintings. Is it art or is it play? I hang them on my wall and people say, 'Who did that? No way!' Art is in the eye of the beholder, of course. But art is a choice."

KMFDM'S POWER FEMINISM

Industrial anarcho rock originators KMFDM's new album, "Kunst," is a fist-pumping blend of industrial, techno and thrash speared with agitprop themes. Business as usual, then. Since forming in Paris in 1984, an appropriate genesis for this band's Orwellian vision, you'd think that founding member Sascha K's childhood was turbulent and influenced by gritty urban life. But the Hamburg native says that was not the case.

"I had a very peaceful and enlightened childhood," he says. "My grandma was a big inspiration. She was a poet and a painter and an astrologist. And she was a really good cook."

It's women who particularly inspire "Kunst." It includes a song titled "Pussy Riot," a clear shout-out to the jailed Russian all-girl punk band, and its cover bears a chainsaw-wielding woman, inspired perhaps by another girl group Sascha admires.

"Pussy Riot was one rousing momentum-creating event, but also the action of that feminist group from Kiev, Femen. When they took the chainsaw to the cross, I told my friend 'Go to YouTube, this is the image you have been waiting for your entire life.' They're one of the coolest activist groups in the whole world."

Sascha says that KMFDM has always supported feminist causes and, on a personal level, he has little sympathy for men in general.

"Men are just dumb. I was praying to have a daughter," he says passionately. "If it was a boy I would have been, 'Oh my God, not another penis.'"

If you go

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Dish for

Women Against Abuse is hosting its fifth delicious Dish It Up event tonight to raise funds and awareness about domestic violence. The organization has rounded up 13 of the area's most talented female chefs, including three fierce pastry chefs, to pit them against each other in two culinary battles: one savory and one sweet. Expect an eclectic range of food to sample, with each competitor bringing her own cooking background while also representing the restaurant she works for.

Each chef will need to make between 350 and 400 samples for judges and attendees, so the heat is on. Only one of these women will take home the top Purple Dish Award, though two other winners will be crowned as well.

The Purple Dish Award: It wouldn't be a food competition without an expert panel of judges ready to dissect every bite. For this round, the rules are simple: Incorporate something purple — the designated color of domestic violence awareness — into the food. "There have been times when they put purple things in the dish that I had never even heard of," jokes Katie Young-Wildes, the director of fund development and communications at Women Against Abuse.

The Purple Cupcake Award: This award is a chance for the people to be heard. Three pastry chefs will create mini purple cupcakes, with the winner decided by sugar-loving attendees.

If you go

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The Purple Style Award

Naturally an event like this can't have a red carpet. It needs — you guessed it — a purple carpet. NBC10's Bill Henley and stylist and fashion correspondent Jen Abrams will be covering the purple carpet and snapping photos with the night's best-dressed attendees. If you want to earn yourself the style award, may we suggest donning something in the aubergine or lilac families?

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Who's in

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- Bridget Foy, Bridget Foy's
- Francesca Kauffman and Franca DiRenzo, Tre Scalini
- Rachel Klein, Miss Rachel's Pantry
- Beverly Leaks, Truffles Party Productions
- Natalie Maronski, Chifa
- Lindsay McClain, Jamonera
- Brenda Board, Oliver & Company Tea Room
- Susan VanVreed, Distrito

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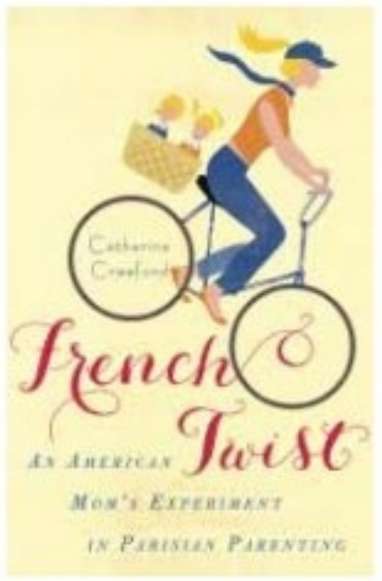
Motherhood with a bit of 'ooh la la'



Catherine Crawford chronicles the European way of parenting

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"We don't give our kids enough credit," Crawford says.

When Catherine Crawford began to feel as if her kids were running the house, she and her husband began an experiment in French parenting. The more hands-off French method focuses on rules and boundaries between children and adults. Her memoir, "French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting," chronicles her family's experience with "la vie francaise," and how it transformed their lives.

Your "a-ha" moment occurred during dinner with French family friends — as you were about to bolt out of the room to tend to your crying daughter, your friend said, "If there is no blood, don't get up." Why was this moment so significant for you?

Throughout the evening, I had been in awe all night of my friends' children. They didn't seem to need the same amount of attention, and they were extremely courteous. My daughter was freaking out about something and my instinct had always been to get up and run. My daughter calmed down. She figured it out on her own, which we don't let children do enough.

What changes did you make after that?

My husband and I defined rules. We said, "You're children. Daddy and I are grown-ups and we're not the same." I had to explain to them that they didn't get a say in everything. I realized I was always trying to fit into my children's world, whereas I never made them adapt to mine. We're afraid to tell them to be quiet and say no.

And this brought the family closer together?

It provided a little relief for everyone. One of the best changes was in the way they related to each other. All of a sudden, they were a team. If mommy or daddy laid down a rule they didn't like, they had each other to commiserate with. They play together so much more now.

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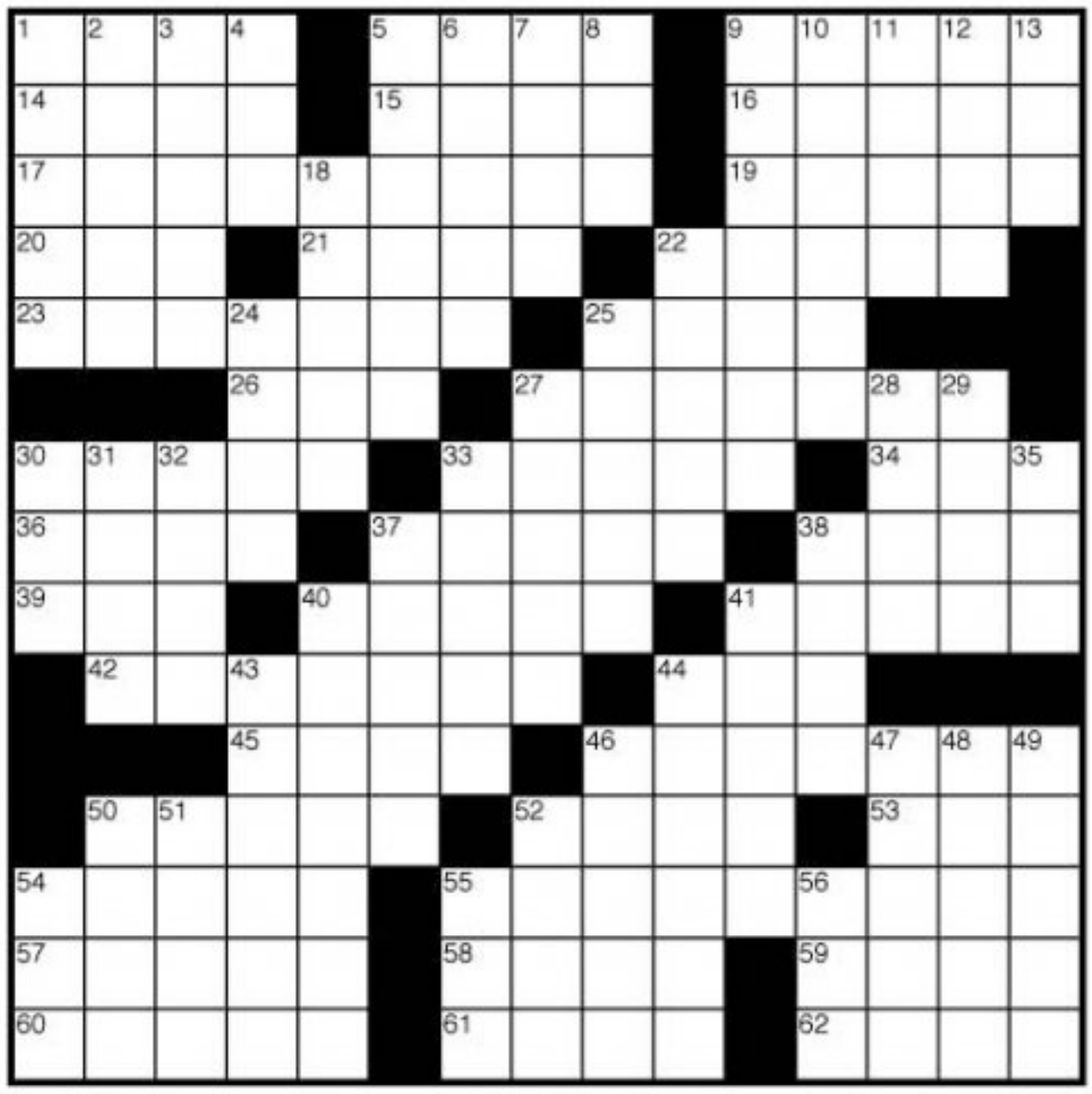

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Our close friends often have a strong influence on us, and you're no different. If your companions have poor judgment, you're likely to follow them down a blind alley.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Disappointment is likely if you expect your co-workers to do certain jobs, duties or responsibilities that were assigned to you. You should either be self-reliant or offer to do something for them in return.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You're still not out of the woods when it comes to a financial obligation, so continue to be prudent in the management of your resources. Don't take the approach of solvency as a sign to spend.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Wanting to be your own person is credible, provided you're not overly insistent. Don't make everyone else miserable by only having it your way.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Because you've based your evaluations on logical assumptions, your conclusions have been pretty accurate so far. Don't start to rely upon instincts or emotions that could be misleading.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There's no accounting for the surprises of kindness, but it isn't likely that you'll get something from someone whom you've refused to help in the past.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You can make a good impression on another if you act natural and be yourself. Conversely, if you attempt to convey an image that is false, you'll get bad reviews.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It won't be enough to just feel compassion if a friend comes to you for help. You need to help in ways that put substance behind your sentiments.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When with a group of friends, don't think they won't pick up on your longings to be elsewhere if you can't simply enjoy the moment. Relax or leave.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Do not allow yourself to be put in a position where someone else is making decisions for you. You need to be your own boss for a while.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even though your restlessness could be rather severe, don't ignore your work or responsibilities. There will be ugly consequences.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Although your heart might be in the right place, you might, in actuality, be too wasteful and ineffective to utilize your resources smartly.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

Letters

Someone's pouting, but it's not Obama

RE: "PETULANT PRESIDENT CLOSES WHITE HOUSE" (METRO, MARCH 18) President Obama was not "petulant" or expressing hatred in connection with suspension of White House tours, as letter writer John E. Bevan suggests. The Secret Service budget was cut by the stupid sequester. They had to prioritize. The tours require Secret Service personnel. Cutting the tours saves a lot of money.

A. J. MIKOFSKY, VIA E-MAIL

John E. Bevin claims Obama shouldn't have closed children's tours of the White House. I beg to differ. Now the children can go to class and be taught a real lesson. Like the GOP-controlled Congress would rather give tax breaks to millionaires/billionaires than provide food and shelter for the homeless, medical care for the elderly and veterans or funding for class trips to the White House.

ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

John Bevan displays a common misunderstanding of what's happening here. The Budget Control of 2011, passage of which was the Republican's ransom for not causing a national default, imposes a 10 percent reduction in expenditures on all federal agencies. This reduction is across the board and nondiscretionary, which means the White House has no choice but to cancel tours. Sorry, John, but the only thing this sorry state of affairs confirms is that the GOP is determined to do maximum damage to the administration, regardless of the damage done to everyone else.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Don't persist with dogged stereotypes

RE: "8 TYPES OF WORKPLACE 'BITCHES' AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM" (METRO, MARCH 18) The word "bitch" is too often used to label headstrong women in positions of power. Sure, there are people in this world who exhibit the personality traits mentioned. But I don't see articles on powerful men with the same stereotypical labels blindly thrown their way. Frankly, Metro's "adaptation" came off as spiteful and sexist. There is some good advice on how to deal with difficult people, but was it really necessary to have comments like "The screamer bitch cries for attention" or "[The narcissist bitch] doesn't care about the good of the company"?

BELINDA LESTER, VIA E-MAIL

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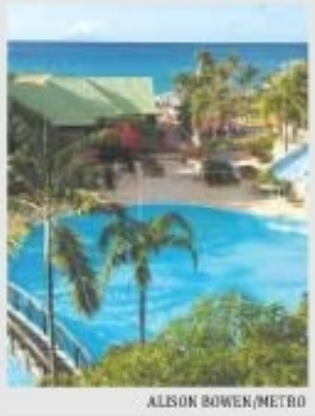

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For filling your suitcase

Philipsburg, the capital on the Dutch side, is a must-visit for the island's legendary duty-free shopping. Stroll along the winding narrow roads and pop into the numerous jewelry stores. Also a must? The Guavaberry Emporium, built in an old cedar house, where you can sample not only the national liqueur but also a guava colada. This shop is also a great place to pick up gifts, like rum bottles with colorful hand-painted sunsets and parrots.

On the water

Sailing aficionados should visit during the annual Heineken Regatta, where sailboats race around the island, creating picture-perfect views of billowing sails dotting royal-blue water. The event promises "serious fun," with parties every night and dancing in flip-flops on the sand. Even if you can't sail, get out on the water — the ocean is so clear, if you jump in, you can see your toes. Though that doesn't impress locals — clear to them means seeing bottom.

Practice your French

Shop around the market at Marigot, the capital on the French side, browsing rows of wares like delicate seashell jewelry or bags of Caribbean spices. At night, it becomes a bustling spot to grab dinner with menus in French as boats bob in the marina, their masts glowing in neat rows.

For Caribbean seafood and embarrassed Americans

Cheri's Cafe promises to make patrons laugh, and whether yours is a belly laugh or out of awkward nervousness, it's a promise they keep. The seafood spot has sequin-clad performers that try to get guests involved in saucy dance contests. The restaurant welcomes kids, but unless you are up for a parental talk don't bring any old enough to understand the sexual insinuation of a banana.

For avoiding tan lines

Stop in at clothing-optional Orient Beach, filled mostly with tourists applying sunscreen in sensitive places. The nearby bar boasts pictures of naked patrons and icy drinks you can sip (clothed) while watching parasailers glide over the turquoise sea.

For an East Coast fix

For the surreal experience of a Manhattan-ambiance steps away from Caribbean waters, stop in at, Bamboo Bernies. The restaurant boasts a sleek design and high-end sushi like the Sexy Salmon Roll, with eel.

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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI
THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

'RUF' AROUND THE EDGES

It has been a spring training filled with questions so far for the Phillies, and I am happy to report (after spending two days in sunny Clearwater) I have some of the answers. Now, please understand: It isn't even officially spring, so these observations are subject to change.

The eyes and the ears don't lie. I saw some alarming developments, heard some worrisome scuttlebutt and, yes, witnessed some exciting things, too. Here's what I learned:

Roy Halladay is no longer Roy Halladay

This is by far the most sobering turn of events. If the former ace isn't still injured — and he insists he isn't — then our worst fears are valid. His days as an elite starter are over. Halladay cannot be counted on for more than 15 wins and a 4.00 ERA.

Even before his stomach-virus drama, everyone was downplaying Halladay's alarming decrease in velocity. Hmmm. Whenever a baseball person tells you velocity is overrated, he is lying. The proper response is, if velocity isn't such a big deal, why does every organization base its draft decisions on it?

Halladay is averaging 86 miles per hour this spring, a far cry from topping out at 94 two years ago. With the opener two weeks away, GM Ruben Amaro Jr. placed his level of concern at a "5 1/2 to 6." Roy Halladay is ordinary now. Sorry.

GETTY IMAGES

Darin Ruf is a terrible outfielder

When a young player has the power potential of someone like Darin Ruf, teams are willing to sacrifice defense. But Ruf is so bad in left field, the Phillies are pretty much committed to sending him back to the minors and giving him more time to learn to play the outfield.

More than one Phillies authority (including a former outfielder) insisted to me that Ruf will become a trade chip to an AL team because the slugger's only position is designated hitter. Remember how fans were penciling in 25 or even 30 homers from Ruf? Forget it.

Utley, Howard look like Utley, Howard

Both aren't just saying they feel good this spring, they're also proving it. Howard looks zoned in, and Utley is enjoying his first pain-free camp in three years. The middle of the Phillies' lineup should be just fine in 2013.

You should remember the name Ender Inciarte

Amaro has been criticized for not finding and developing young talent, but he has unearthed a spectacular prospect in the Rule 5 draft. Inciarte is 23, batted over .300 in the minors last season, can run as fast as Ben Revere and has a bazooka attached to his left arm.

The bottom line on my visit to Clearwater is that I am less optimistic about 2013, thanks to Halladay and Ruf. Hope springs eternal in spring training — unfortunately, just a little less so this time.

– Angelo Cataldi hosts 94 WIP's Morning Show, airing weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.

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In the news

Pitchers rocked, Brown homers

The bad news first: The Phillies' bullpen was lit up in a 17-10 loss to the Atlanta Braves yesterday.

The Phils trotted out a bunch of relievers (Rodrigo Lopez, Colt Murray, Michael Stutes, Antonio Bastardo, Aaron Cook) — and they gave up 17 runs on 19 hits.

Now the good news. Domonic Brown went 3-for-4 and homered again, his fifth this spring. Darin Ruf went 2-for-5 with two doubles.

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Blame Homer for Flyers free fall

If the Flyers fail to make the playoffs, Paul Holmgren should be fired. Of course, because chairman Ed Snider still values loyalty over Stanley Cups, this obvious move will not happen. The mere mention of it will elicit scoffs. Fire Paul Holmgren? Ridiculous.

The Flyers GM hasn't just failed this season, he's failed for several seasons, and he has done so with a contempt for fans that can no longer be ignored. Last week, after an atrocious loss in New Jersey, Holmgren blew off a media throng seeking his reaction to goalie Ilya Bryzgalov's remark that the Flyers were "done" if they lost both ends of a home-and-home series against the Devils.

When Holmgren finally did speak the next day, the GM dismissed the remark, said the coaches were doing "a good job," and placed all the blame on the players.

OK, fine. But then isn't Holmgren really pointing the finger at himself when he blames the players?

▶ Holmgren

Didn't he bring them here? After seven years of drafts and trades, who is most responsible for these underperforming players if not the GM?

And isn't his own failed offseason pursuits of Shea Weber and Ryan Suter the real reason for the dreadful season that has followed?

Holmgren's Clint Eastwood style has won him adulation in a blue-collar town like Philadelphia, but it's time to accept the cold reality of the situation. Since the miracle playoff run three years ago, the Flyers have been in decline. And they are failing because their GM is.

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I have an embarrassing confession to make. The new direction of the Eagles has me as confused as I have ever been. I loved the firing of Andy Reid and the hiring of Chip Kelly, hated the list of losers named to Kelly's staff, despised the re-signing of Mike Vick and now I admire what they are doing in free agency.

Is it asking too much for me to make up my mind about these people? All I can say for sure is, they are either totally clueless about where they're heading, or they are football pioneers implementing an exciting new plan.

▶ Barwin

Last week was especially perplexing because my opinion changed by the hour. The Birds signed five free agents on the first day, but there wasn't a household name or Pro Bowler in the bunch. Patrick Chung? Isaac Sopoaga? Who? GM Howie Roseman didn't make matters any better when he suggested that the Eagles were pretty much done after that.

Then, on Day 3, the Birds dashed off three more signings — including a big-time pass rusher named Connor Barwin — before finishing the week with a trade for receiver Arelious Benn. In just about every case, the players added to the roster were young and versatile.

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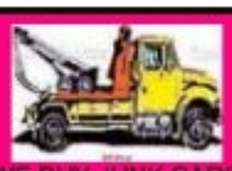

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